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Putin threatens to use nuclear warheads against Ukraine, EU

Merkel and Hollande Warn about More Bloodshed If Ukraine Diplomacy Fails

Poroshenko, Putin, Merkel and Hollande will meet on Feb. 11 in Minsk. (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/OzY4ys> ; Putin made a hint this meeting might not happen (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/exTdm8>

German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned that tension between Moscow and the West could spiral out of control if diplomacy fails. <http://goo.gl/Tp4mBY>

Germany's Merkel and France's Hollande humbled themselves in Moscow for two reasons: they want to prevent the delivery of weapons to Ukraine, and they fear the ballistic missile system Iskander that Putin has deployed in Kaliningrad and on Crimea. This system is capable of launching nuclear warheads.

<http://goo.gl/iEnUX1>

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden says Russian President Vladimir Putin faces a choice to either "get out" of Ukraine or face "continued international isolation" and domestic economic problem. <http://goo.gl/r70Vfs>

For over a year, Ukraine has been facing dramatic consequences of an undeclared hybrid warfare. It is very

important that the states in the region devote more attention to hybrid threats. We need a clear strategic concept with a wide-range of response instruments to tackle this complex problem and to enhance the responsibility for applying hybrid war tactics. President Petro Poroshenko's speech at the Munich Security conference on Feb. 7. (Video) <http://goo.gl/2E4IUD>

MUNICH, Germany, 7 February 2015 – During the Ministerial Meeting of the OSCE Troika at the margins of the Munich Security Conference (MSC), the Foreign Ministers of the OSCE Troika (Serbia, Switzerland and Germany) had a thorough exchange of views on the situation in and around Ukraine.

<http://www.osce.org/cio/139421>

The Russian government has introduced draft legislation that would make it easier for Moscow to sign up professional soldiers and for commanders to force draftees to convert to the professional (contract) status and thus be available for dispatch to Ukraine, yet another indication Moscow is preparing for a massive invasion and facing difficulties finding men for it.

<http://goo.gl/HB6agt>

Left: 70 years ago Roosevelt and Churchill also hoped they could find agreement with a tyrant.

Right: President Poroshenko holds up Russian passports to prove the presence of Russian troops in Ukraine as he addressed the Munich Security Conference on February 7.

<http://goo.gl/N2amEl> ;

<http://goo.gl/0Sc4Or>



You are running out of time, Europe

Timothy Snyder: How Russian propaganda works and why the conflict in Ukraine is not just Ukrainian business. Video <http://goo.gl/Y8oynG>

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<http://goo.gl/6roZ7V>

The war between Russia and Ukraine: a threat to European unity. <http://goo.gl/Ld3IO5>

Goodbye, Putin. Why the President's Days Are Numbered. By Alexander J. Motyl. <http://goo.gl/wrHufx>

Rift emerging between Putin and his circle — Russian analyst. <http://goo.gl/bsU9HZ>

The Origins of Donetsk Separatism. Donetsk separatism only truly became a noticeable problem in 2014. Until then, almost no one believed that it existed.

<http://goo.gl/x0Enfj>

Debaltseve evacuated — 600 civilians chose Ukraine, 30 Russia

Ukrainian army has performed successful full scale defense operation

Feb 8. Russian militants have intensified shelling of government forces on all front lines. Five Ukrainian soldiers have been killed and 26 wounded in fighting in the past 24 hours. Watch video at <http://goo.gl/UjL0jS>

Feb.8. Operational data from Information Resistance. <http://goo.gl/taQHfI>

Feb 8. Huge militant ammunition warehouse explodes in Donetsk. <http://goo.gl/7aLGzG>

Feb 5. The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has completed the next stage in a special operation to neutralize a group of Russian terrorists responsible for the shelling of Mariupol on January 24. <http://goo.gl/1gWI3d>

Ukrainian army has performed a successful defense operation. 8 days of full scale battles for Debaltseve. (Rus) <http://goo.gl/GBGRm4>

VICE news: Running Supplies With the Dudayev Battalion. <http://goo.gl/GN2mRR>

Ukraine releases names of Russian soldiers killed in Debaltseve. <http://goo.gl/BjuBga>

Ukrainian Volunteers Hold Checkpoint From Separatist Attacks. (Video) <http://goo.gl/cqWI1B>

Thirteenth Russian convoy carrying humanitarian aid arrives in the insurgent stronghold of Donetsk. Cargo was delivered to Donetsk by a convoy of over 100 trucks. Ukrainian border guards were not able to look inside the trucks. (Video) <http://goo.gl/E1ueDg>

While the Kremlin vigorously denies any official ties to the war, it openly encourages the Soviet-era tradition of volunteerism, running numerous television programs praising the accomplishments of the fighters, and allowing volunteer organizations to flourish online. <http://goo.gl/8VfLE1>

Debaltseve evacuated — 600 choose Ukraine, 30 Russia. <http://goo.gl/JwjNBM>

Mariupol to world: how much more blood must be shed to stop the aggressor? Appeal of the inhabitants of Mariupol to the international community (video) <http://goo.gl/oxuGaF>

There is no Ukraine without Donbas! There is no Europe without Ukraine! There is no world without Europe! It's not politics anymore; it is a matter of life and death for thousands of people! (Video) <http://goo.gl/AEcPsr>

Left: The Undefeated. Before Nadiya Savchenko dies, read her words. <http://goo.gl/nvb6Sg>

Right: Ukrainian army defeated terrorists' combined tank detachment near Debaltseve after three days of fighting. PHOTOS. <http://goo.gl/KxWvIc>



Russia needs more than just stern words on Nadiya Savchenko

Now on her 55th day of hunger strike, Nadiya Savchenko has been left to die in Russian detention. Stern words and reminders that Russia is in breach of the Minsk Agreement through its refusal to release her and other prisoners in its ongoing aggression against Ukraine have not worked. The latest sanctions which appear to have mainly targeted militants in Ukraine are manifestly not enough. <http://goo.gl/zh8qMa>

The life of Ukrainian Air Force officer Nadia Savchenko "hangs in the balance" after more than 50 days on a hunger strike in a Russian prison. (Feb 4) <http://goo.gl/DdSH53>

Another Crimean Tatar arrested on surreal charges. <http://goo.gl/RiW9th>

Anger and Protest over Stalin Monument in Yalta. <http://goo.gl/uLRqke>

Parliament votes on removal of MP immunity

Giant steel maker poised to cease production due to gas shortage

Feb 6. The National Bank of Ukraine has allowed the national currency to slip to an absolute historic low, compared to foreign currencies, of 23.13 UAH per USD. <http://goo.gl/AGatML>

Feb 9. Ukrainian MPs have voted to allow the Constitutional Court to decide the issue of voiding MP immunity. <http://goo.gl/SCf0kX>

Nearly a year after Russia's hybrid invasion, Ukraine is finally taking a harder stance against Russian businesses and individuals by adopting sanctions endorsed by the National Security and Defense Council. <http://goo.gl/3WAIos>

70% of Ukrainian Losses Come from Missile Fire, Says former U.S. Ambassador. Watch video <http://goo.gl/V092S8>

The IMoRe tracks regulatory changes, which upon their successful implementation, will move the country forward towards (or backward from) the goal of a more efficient, more liberal and less corrupt state. The Index is calculated once every two weeks based on an expert survey. <http://goo.gl/m7DOqy>

EBA President Gives Ukraine Three Months to See if it's 'Another Case Of The Fish Rotting From The Head'. <http://goo.gl/nTaOp6>

On the Road to Total Divorce. If current trends in bilateral trade continue, by 2016 Ukraine will be ready to survive even a full-scale Russian trade blockade. <http://goo.gl/HmKIIv>

Giant steel maker about to halt production due to gas shortage. <http://goo.gl/oruDcW>

Insolvency is spreading through Ukraine's banking sector. On Feb 6, the National Bank of Ukraine declared Nadra, the nation's 11th largest bank, insolvent. <http://goo.gl/QD9Fm2>

Ukrainians can now get information about the ownership of local real estate and the history of transactions from a special registry. <http://goo.gl/xTWRuo>

In Kyiv, the cost of travelling on public transport doubled overnight. <http://goo.gl/bbGjV5>

Because of the on-going war in Donbas and disrupted railroad communication, Rinat Akhmetov-owned Metinvest temporarily closed down its steel plants in Yenakieve and Makiyivka. <http://goo.gl/8amlkj>

An investment protection agreement will reinforce new investments in Ukraine, says Ambassador of Japan to Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/IlrFfV>

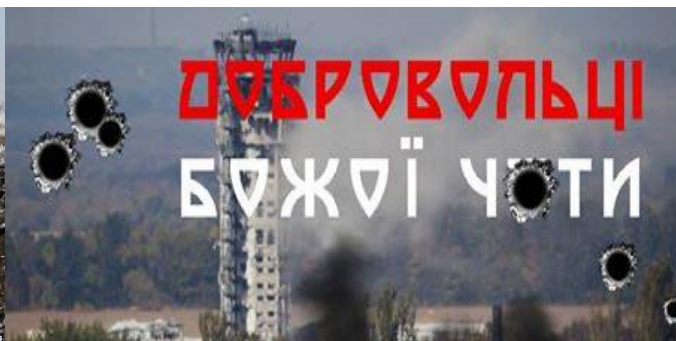
Left: Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė. Ukraine's best promoter on the world stage in 2014. <http://goo.gl/DMbExh>

Right: Militants killed near Debaltseve had Russian IDs. See more photos at <http://goo.gl/CdSv4A>



Left: Second Chance for Pets Abandoned In Ukrainian War Zones. <http://goo.gl/Czc0RY>

Right: Ukrainian documentary about the war in Ukraine "Volunteers of God's Couple" by Leonid Kanter and Ivan Yasniy. Watch trailer at <http://goo.gl/xsDIVo>



Mobile apps to help with first aid instructions at war front

Legendary Russian rock star Andrey Makarevich releases new anti-war song

Here's a timely innovation for Ukraine at war: applications that help people facing life-threatening injuries. <http://goo.gl/C8u7yw>

Filmmaker seeks funds for Shevchenko adaptation. One of Ukraine's most renowned film directors, Mykhailo Illienko, knows better than anybody what a struggle it is to shoot a movie in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/BnNJYv>

For the last two years Illienko, 67, has been trying to produce "Toloka," a film adaptation of a ballad by

Ukrainian literature colossus Taras Shevchenko. <http://goo.gl/Q06rto>

Legendary Russian rock star Andrey Makarevich releases new anti-war song. Watch video at <http://goo.gl/B5v3W4>

60 surprising facts we've learned about Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/mvZTTT>

"I want to live here, I don't want to shoot. Where to look for truth? Whom to ask for help?"
Andriy Kuzmenko, Ukrainian singer and front man of Skryabin pop band,
from "Revolutsiya u Vohni" ("Revolution in Fire"),
17 August 1968 - 2 February 2015



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